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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Yoshihiko MAKINO, et al.

Group: 1655

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**PETITION FOR TWO MONTH EXTENSION**

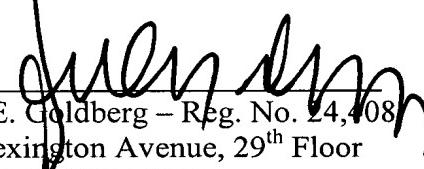
Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2002. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$400.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.

Respectfully submitted,

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